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FOREMAN George Busch checking requisitions at his desk in the Mason Shop.

## N.I. Sets Celebration of 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Neurological Institute and a series of events, the first scheduled for this month, have been arranged to celebrate a half-century of distinguished service in neurology and neurosurgery rendered by that hospital.

Various societies in those fields are joining with Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University to mark the occasion.

The New York Neurological Society and the Section of Neurology and Psychiatry, New York Academy of Medicine, will hold a joint meeting at the Academy on March 10, with a special program honoring Neurological Institute's anniversary.

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## Never-Ending Repair Jobs Keep Masonry Workers on Move

*(Second of a series on the Hospital's Maintenance and Construction Division, this article tells of the Masonry Department.)*

Whether it's the roof of Harkness Pavilion, brickwork outside the 18th floor of Presbyterian Hospital, or the kitchen floor, there's hardly a spot in the Medical Center that doesn't sooner or later need the services of the Masonry Department.

A part of the Maintenance and Construction Division, it does the plastering, tiling, cementing, brickworking, roofing, and other incidental jobs. So broad is the

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## DOS to Have Faculty Status Under Dr. Smith

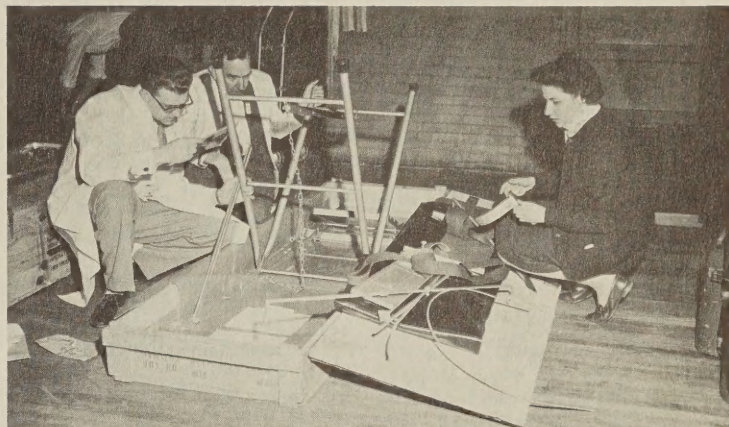
Speaking at a luncheon which was a part of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery's annual Dean's Day on February 13, Dr. Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia University, announced that, starting this July, a separate faculty will be created for dentistry, with the department having its own dean.

He also disclosed that Dr. Gilbert P. Smith has been designated as dean. Dr. Smith has been Associate Dean for Dental and Oral Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, for

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## UNCRATED, MADE READY IN 17 MINUTES

### Medical Center Group Seen on TV's 'Today' Show in Demonstration of Mobile Hospital



COLLAPSIBLE operating room table is being unpacked and set up, above, by Dr. Leonard Brand, Dr. Carl R. Feind and Miss Alice Bradshaw, a Nursing Education student at Teachers College. Complete set of surgical equipment, gowns and masks are included in the boxed emergency hospital.

They said it couldn't be done.

Well, maybe they didn't exactly say so, but Dave Garroway and members of his staff on the "Today" television program evidenced undisguised skepticism when a group of doctors, nurses and technicians appeared on the nationwide show on January 28 with the avowed intention of materializing, from a stack of packing cases, a workable emergency hospital—and doing it within a 30-minute time limit.

Seventeen minutes later, having meanwhile presented other phases of the program, an amazed Mr. Garroway brought his cameras back to the scene where the group had been working swiftly but efficiently. The "do-it-yourself" hospital, as one civil defense official has aptly termed such mobile units, was complete. It included an operating table, X-ray and anesthesia equipment, a pharmacy

and enough supplies for 12 hours work on emergency cases in event of air attack or natural disaster.

The demonstration on the television show followed one given two days earlier at Teachers College, Columbia University. Both were jointly sponsored by the Division of Nursing Education of Teachers College, Presbyterian

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RECENT LAUNCHING of the National Kidney Disease Foundation's 1959 fund drive brought popular singer Pat Boone, its honorary chairman, as a visitor to our Nephrosis Clinic. Pictured above are Dr. Conrad M. Riley, clinic director; Dr. Henry W. Kaessler, Foundation president; patient "Tina" Del Giorgio and Mr. Boone.

## Trustee Strong, New Member, to Speak At 25-Year Club's 13th Annual Dinner

New members who will be welcomed into the Medical Center 25-Year Club at its 13th annual dinner March 19 include Trustee Benjamin Strong and Miss Doris Duke, member of the Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital.

Their addition will make 21 trustees and 38 members of the Hospital corporation in the club's membership.

Mr. Strong will be principal speaker at the dinner in Bard Hall. Dr. Rustin McIntosh, club president for the past year, will act as toastmaster and Mrs. Lawrence H.

Cotter, a vice-president of the club and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Presbyterian Hospital, will present certificates to the new members. The Hospital's own "Barber Shop Trio" will play during a pre-dinner get-together from 6 to 7 P.M. Dinner will start at 7.

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# STETHOSCOPIA

• **ANNIVERSARIES:** Miss Elsie Coffin, secretary, Squier Urology, celebrated her 30th anniversary with the department. Miss Coffin came to the Hospital from *The New York Times* and started as a floor secretary, working with Dr. J. Bentley Squier. Fellow secretaries arranged for a "surprise party"—and Residents in Urology presented Miss Coffin with a corsage in observance of the anniversary. Miss Coffin's brother, Robert Coffin, Maintenance and Construction Department, is also a long-time Presbyterian employee — 26 years, to be exact.

Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Neuhaus celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and are planning a trip to Florida. Mrs. Neuhaus is in the Paymaster's Department.

• **TRANSFERS:** Ann Sullivan, Payroll clerk, Treasury Department, has accepted the position as Assistant Supervisor, Harkness Pavilion, Front Office. Her former position is filled by Mary Donnelly, who came from Harkness Pavilion, DPPO.

Russell S. Matsen, is now Supervisor, Presbyterian Hospital, Front Office. He was formerly in the Collection Department.

• **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cassidy, on the arrival of a baby girl. Mrs. Cassidy is in the Insurance Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey, proud parents of their first child, a baby boy. Mr. Bailey is a Hospital elevator starter.

• **WELCOME TO:** Elvira R. Burrows and Mary Ann DiMaggio, two new faces in the Patients' Accounts Department.

John Adams, Personnel Assistant, Office Manager, Personnel Department. Mr. Adams, returning here from the Pittston Company, was formerly in the Collection Department for five years. He is married and has three children.

• **DEPARTURES:** Rita Petruska, R.N., head nurse, Babies Hospital, has accepted a position as Instructor of Premature Nursing, Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago.

Charlotte J. Pfau, R.N., staff nurse, Surgical Service, has accepted a position as medical copywriter, Paul Klemtner Company, Newark, New Jersey.

• **TRAVEL:** Sally Barbagallo, general duty nurse, Harkness Pavilion, is off to see Europe . . . Bridgit E. O'Connor, head nurse, Neurological Institute, operating room, to visit Ireland.

• **ENGAGEMENTS:** Eric T. Weber, 2nd year medical student, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to Lynne C. Stock, student at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Thomas L. Trunnell, 3rd year medical student, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to Anna J. Dodson, a Skidmore College senior. A June wedding is planned.

Richard Weil, III, 2nd year medical student, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to Polly W. Edgar, a senior at Smith College.

Dr. Paul J. Cannon, intern, Service of Medicine, to Chantal de Canart d'Hamale, student at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart.

Dr. Norman Talal, intern, Service of Medicine, to Marilyn C. Glick, a Sarah Lawrence College senior. A June wedding is planned.

## In Memoriam

Miss Mabel Choate, a Hospital Corporation member and formerly a long-time manager (trustee) and officer of Neurological Institute, died recently at the age of 87 at her home at 770 Park Avenue. She was a daughter of the late Joseph Hodges Choate, Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Miss Choate was a Neurological Institute manager from 1920 to 1938; a vice president, 1924-30; and member of the executive committee, 1923-36. She was one of the founders of the original Women's Social Service Committee of Neurological Institute. It was dissolved at about the time the Institute came to the Medical Center (March, 1929) but was reorganized, again with Miss Choate's help, in 1936. In 1950 it became the Neurological Institute Women's Auxiliary.

Besides her work in connection with the Institute, Miss Choate was associated for many years with charities in both New York and Stockbridge, Mass., where she had a summer home.

## 75 AT PARTY FOR 'HOCKEY'

### Retirements Among Personnel

The retirement of Miss Helen Hockenberger last month after more than 25 years of service was highlighted at a dinner in her honor on the evening of February 5. Seventy-five of her friends and fellow workers attended and presented a television set to the gentle lady that they all affectionately call "Hockey." For many years the Supervisor of the Statistical Unit in the Accounting Department, she has long been well known throughout

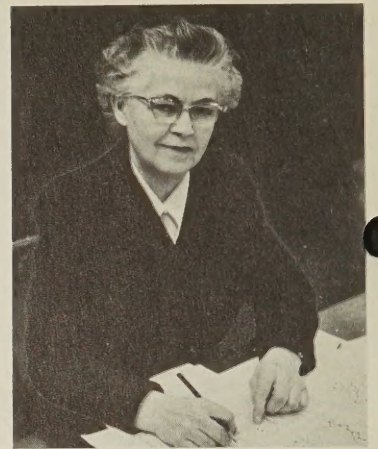
Joan M. Waters, R.N., head nurse, Eye Institute, to Howard A. Waterhouse, a graduate of DePauw University and Boston University School of Theology.

Patricia Ann Kramer, 1st year student, Nursing, to George E. Griffin, 3rd, a medical student at New York University Medical School.

Anne E. Hibbard, R.N., Presbyterian Hospital, to John E. Warner, a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. A fall wedding is planned.

• **WEDDINGS:** Norman S. Roome, 4th year medical student, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to Judith Mercuri, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College.

Charles Schnebel, of the Maintenance and Construction Department, to Janet Smith.



Miss Hockenberger

the Hospital. She had been an excellent reporter for *Stethoscope* for the past 12 years.

Born in Grand Island, Nebraska, Miss Hockenberger received her A.B. degree in accounting from the University of Minnesota. A resident of Englewood, New Jersey, her hobby is painting, which grew from her interest in photography. For the last three years her work has been exhibited at the Medical Center's annual Arts, Photography, and Crafts Exhibition. Her oil paintings and water colors have so far been confined to still life, but she now hopes to be able to get outdoors more often to pursue her favorite pastime.

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Mrs. Dorothy F. Barry retires officially in May, but is leaving her position as Supervisor, Presbyterian Hospital Information Desk, this month. Her first service was as switchboard operator in the old Presbyterian Hospital 39 years ago. Starting in May she plans to be working for Drs. Charles T. Hazzard and George F. Cahill, Service of Urology.

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Amanda Holland, floor clerk, Harkness Pavilion, retires in March. Mrs. Holland has been with the Hospital since March, 1942.

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Carl A. Holmstrom, physical therapist, retires this month. Mr. Holmstrom trained in the old Presbyterian Hospital in 1923. He then worked first in the old and then in the new Neurological Institute. For the past five years, Mr. Holmstrom has been with the Physical Therapy Department, Vanderbilt Clinic. His plans include working with a few private patients, doing some charity work—and possibly a trip to Europe.

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Daisy B. McComas, nurses' aide, Sloane Hospital Nursery, retires this month. Mrs. McComas came to the Hospital in July, 1952, and spent her first three years in the Labor Room. Her future plans include a trip to Oklahoma with her husband.

## 25-Year Club to Hold 13th Annual Dinner

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Making his annual public appearance to greet the new members and renew his acquaintanceship with the old will be "Old Timer," the club's mascot since its inception. He is the weather vane rooster which perched atop the old Presbyterian Hospital on 70th Street.

Twenty-nine new members were definitely counted as *Stethoscope* went to press. (There was a possibility that a few more might be added before the dinner.)

Listed from professional staff were: Dr. Hilde Bruch, Pediatrics; Dr. Erna S. Enderle, Medicine; Dr. J. Vincent Flack, Ophthalmology; Dr. William S. Langford, Pediatrics; Grace Leidy, A.B., Pediatrics; Dr. C. Paul O'Connell, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Victoria Ozanics, M.S., Ophthalmology; George Smelser, Ph.D., Ophthalmology; Dr. Hamilton Southworth, Medicine; Dr. Sidney C. Werner, Medicine; Dr. Daniel Wilcox, Pediatrics.

Listed from non-professional personnel were: Marie Armand, Comptroller's Office; Edna I. Barlow, Record Room; Harriet M. Deleuran, Nursing; Constance Demarest, Clinical Pathology; Agnes Feeney, Food Service; Marianne Gagarin, Surgery; John J. Galvin, Protective; Americo Gazzola, Food Service; Lilly Kneiske, Ophthalmology; Catherine E. MacLean, Nursing; Thomas Murray, X-ray; Johanna M. Nolan, Record Room; Dorothy Robinson, Nursing; Albert S. Saker, Vanderbilt Clinic; Isabella Sanderson, Nursing; Pearl Sneed, Comptroller's Office.



## 9th Annual Art Show Set for April 13-24; Everyone in M.C. Family May Enter Work

The Medical Center's ninth annual Arts, Photography and Crafts Exhibition has been scheduled for the two weeks starting April 13 and will again be held in the 20th Floor Lounge, Presbyterian Hospital.

After an invitational "Preview" for exhibitors and invited guests from 5 to 7 P.M. on April 13, the exhibition will be open to the public starting the following day, from Tuesday through Friday the first week and from Monday through Friday the second week. Show hours will be from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. each day except on Thursday, the 16th, and Tuesday, the 21st, when it will be opened at 9 A.M. for the benefit of night nurses and other nocturnal workers.

The Art Exhibition Committee set up this schedule of dates and times and made other plans for the annual show at a recent meeting. It also approved the same rules which applied for past shows with the exception that the showing of kodachromes was eliminated.

All members of the Medical Center family are eligible and invited to submit entries in the exhibition. (However, due to space limitations, it is not open to their relatives.) The rules which must be followed by exhibitors are:

**Type of Entries:** Fine art work, including painting, sketches and sculpture; art photography (but not medical art such as clinical studies); crafts, such as leather and silver work, ceramics, weaving, basketry and needlecraft.

**Originality:** All work must be original. Exact copies of works of art are not so considered. Work shown at previous Medical Center exhibitions may not be entered again.

**Submitting Entries:** Official entry blank must be used. These will soon be circulated throughout the Center and will also be available in Public Interest, PH-4-30. Blank will be in two parts. Each part must contain all requested information in full. One part should be given to Public Interest as soon as possible; the other should be attached to the back of the entry, which must be brought to Public Interest between April 1 and not later than 5 P.M., April 6.

## DOS Gets New Status

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the past three years.

Other speakers at the luncheon at Bard Hall were Dr. H. Houston Merritt, Acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine; Dr. Smith, and Dr. Arthur A. Kulick, President, Association of Dental Alumni.

Dean's Day activities included a Lewis R. Stowe Memorial Diagnosis Day. At one program, Dr. John Knutson was presented with the Alumni Research Award. Dr. Knutson, an instructor in Dental Public Health at Georgetown University's School of Dentistry, presented a scientific paper on "Research and Innovation in Dentistry."

**Limitations:** Three items, not necessarily in the same category, may be entered by each individual. If total entry is unusually large, the committee reserves the right to choose for display the best of an exhibitor's three entries.

**Mounting:** Paintings and sketches must be securely wired, ready for hanging. Photographs must be mounted on 16 x 20 mat board, with only one print to a mount. Prints must be at least 8 x 10 inches, but larger size is preferred.

## Hospital UHF Teams Successful in Drive

The final report on the 1958 United Hospital Fund campaign showed that the six teams which participated from Presbyterian Hospital completed the drive with highly gratifying results.

Each of the teams exceeded its assigned "direct benefit quota" by a substantial amount. Their quotas had been set at \$164,630 and they raised an aggregate total of \$221,612.08. "Direct benefit quotas" are the funds which revert back to the hospital, and our teams' efforts will mean a direct benefit to Presbyterian Hospital of \$56,982.08.

Team chairmen for the campaign were: Trustees, Thatcher M. Brown, Jr.; Joint Professional, Dr. Henry S. F. Cooper; Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Charles Garside; Neurological Institute Auxiliary, Mrs. Charles E. Adams; New York Orthopedic Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Edward H. Gerry; Board of Women Managers of Babies Hospital, Mrs. John S. Tilney.

## Neurological Institute Sets Celebration Plans

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The Society of Neurological Surgeons, the oldest such society in the world, will hold its 50th meeting on April 27-28 at Neurological Institute in observance of its anniversary.

The anniversary celebration at the Medical Center is scheduled for May 15-16. Scientific sessions at which distinguished alumni and guests will speak will be held in both the morning and afternoon of Friday, May 15. Luncheon will be served to both alumni and guests. That evening, a commemorative dinner will be held at the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Culmination of the anniversary events will take place on Saturday morning, May 16, with a special combined convocation of Columbia and Presbyterian Hospital in honor of the Institute.

## Hospital Beauticians' Services Are Frequently by 'Prescription'

Within Presbyterian Hospital are two shops staffed by men and women who, without any formal training in the care of the sick, provide services to patients of incalculable therapeutic value.

Their countless counterparts are found in every American community and use of their services is a more or less routine practice. Unless you have been a patient, you probably would never think of finding them in a hospital—and just how much they mean to your physical well-being.

These are the beauty salon and the barber shop. (Following the customary tradition that ladies should come first, this initial article will take up the beauty salon. The barber shop and its services will be described in an early future issue.)

The beauty salon, on the 20th floor of Presbyterian, is jointly managed by a husband and wife team, Otto and Caroline Schaefer, who operate it with two assistants, Miss Anne Gambino and Miss Ange Mante. (And, following another usual tradition, we will hereafter refer to them only by first names.)

### SOME PATIENTS VISITED

Five days a week they purvey their services to both personnel and patients. Personnel customers come to them. They attend to the beauty wants of patients in their rooms in Harkness Pavilion, Presbyterian and Neurological Institute or, with the doctor's permission, in the salon. All work is by appointment.

"Many of the doctors are our best boosters," said Otto. "They frequently recommend a shampoo and hair restyling as a morale builder."

"We've had several occasions when the patient came to us in a wheel chair and felt so good when she started to leave that she would start off leaving the chair behind," added Caroline.

Both agreed that their work here is vastly different from that in an "outside" beauty shop.

### GET HELPFUL ADVICE

"In taking care of the ladies in Sloane, I've gotten an education in how babies are born," declared Caroline.

"Our good friends in Dermatology are very helpful to us," Otto said. "When a new beauty aid product comes out they advise us on whether or not we should use it here. When you are working with sick people it is a nice feeling to have such experts readily available to turn to when in doubt."

The four beauticians, incidentally, frequently give foreign-born patients a nice feeling by conversing with them in their native tongue. Between them, they speak seven foreign languages; French, German, Spanish, Russian, Polish, Czechoslovakian and Hungarian.



IN HOSPITAL'S Beauty Salon Caroline Schaefer puts final touch on a new hair-do as her husband and partner, Otto, looks on. The pleased customer is Miss Margaret McNamara, administrative assistant in the School of Public Health.

Many former patients want to continue coming to the Hospital salon but Caroline and Otto have to tell them this is impossible. They do, when their appointment book permits, make exceptions when former patients come here to see their doctors and seek the services of the salon at the same time. Caroline recently had one who remembered her from having been a patient 19 years ago.

Under a previous management, Caroline started with the salon in 1932. She took over the management on January 6, 1938, and Otto became a part of it in 1950. Only the business relationship was new—for the Schaefers celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last March.

Caroline recalled that on the day she took over the salon her first customer was Miss Marion D. Cleveland, R.N., director of Nursing Service.

### TWINS HALTED SHAMPOO

This led Anne to remember her first one when she started here eight years ago.

"I had this lady's hair all sudsy for shampooing when she got a phone call," Anne recalls. "She quickly wrapped a towel over her head and dashed off without a word of explanation. I began to wonder what kind of a place I had gotten into, but some time later she returned, made the announcement, 'It was twins!' and sat down for me to resume the shampoo."

Anne then learned that her customer was Dr. Virginia Appgar, Attending Anesthesiologist, to whom a small matter like a sudsy head would mean nothing in a situation such as the imminent arrival of twins.



## Masonry Crew Kept Constantly on Move

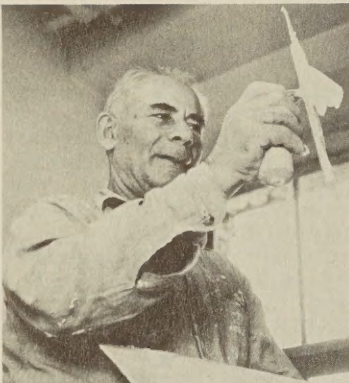
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range of their operation, that the work of this eight-man crew is classified simply as interior or exterior.

The shop itself is primarily a stockroom since they must go out and call on their "patients"—walls, floors, sidewalks, roofs, etc. Referring to the shop, Foreman George Busch, who walks an average 14 miles daily, says: "This is no beauty parlor . . . but it's not supposed to be." From here, all equipment and material necessary for each job has to be gathered and transported to the work scene. That's why it is important to know exactly the type and quantity needed for each one to prevent time-consuming trips back and forth. Foreman Busch is well qualified since he helped build the Hospital as a construction worker, starting in 1925.

### INTERIOR

Patching, plastering and tile setting comprise the major indoor activity. In addition to the average 15 daily cases of patch work



PLASTERER Thomas Spatola finishing a shower room wall in Maxwell Hall.

on ceilings, floors and walls, they have about 30 replastering jobs each week, caused by leaks alone. John Scarpinato, who will retire this August, and William Weinert, a 28-year employee of the Hospital, are currently working as a

## Heart Surgery Work Described to Newsmen

Presbyterian Hospital was one of four hospitals and one medical college visited by representatives of the New York press under sponsorship of the New York Heart Association in conjunction with its annual Heart Fund campaign during the past month.

Dr. Shivaji B. Bhonslay, Assistant Attending, Service of Surgery, was "host" to the group which visited here on February 18, the Heart Association having arranged with him to demonstrate and describe some of the work of the Hospital's heart surgery team.



WILLIAM WEINERT (right) and Martin Smullen repairing exterior wall of Babies Hospital.

plastering team. These two veterans are perpetual motion personified as they leave a trail of smooth white patches—their trademark—in each building.

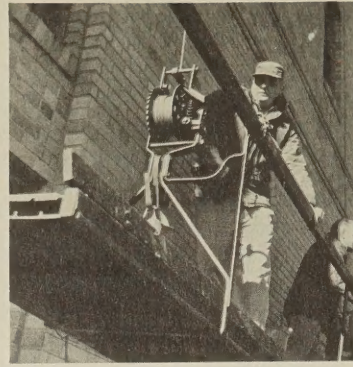
There are over 100—count 'em—different kinds of tile throughout the Medical Center, and the masonry shop stocks them all—roofing, quarry, ceramic tiles—almost any color, size or shape. John Pine, who spends about three days every week tile-setting wherever repair is necessary, says: "Removing the damaged tiles is the toughest part of the job. Patch work on terrazzo floors, which change shades as they age, requires an artistic eye and a delicate touch to accomplish a close blending of new multi-colored stones with the old."

Frequently the routine work must be delayed due to alterations—such as enlarging a room, changing doors, etc. which require masonry. Recently the entire crew spent three weeks installing a new ceiling in the first floor lecture room of Neurological Institute. Careful preparations must be made for these alterations, which must be done as quickly and as quietly as possible to avoid inconvenience to patients.

### EXTERIOR

Each year as soon as weather permits—usually some time in March—routine external maintenance can begin. This means tending to the 150 roofs and 350 drains, sidewalks and driveways, and the hundreds of thousands of bricks surrounding the estimated 12,000 windows in the Medical Center. Scaffold-mates John O'Gorman and William Feeney spend about six months a year on swinging or upright scaffolds, which are regularly checked for fitness. "Safety is our biggest asset. It would have to be carelessness if an accident occurred on a scaffold," says John O'Gorman.

The scaffold men have a precise procedure. Working in two-man teams, each scaffold covers a 20 ft.-width area from ground level to roof and back. On the way up they look for bad spots—repairing bricks, calking, and painting outside window frames. Coming down they finish-paint the frames, and spray silicone on the brickwork for waterproofing. About 600 gallons



SCAFFOLDMATES John O'Gorman (left) and William Feeney repair Maxwell Hall brickwork.

of silicone are used each year in this continuous maintenance.

Roofing repairs have a high priority and Foreman Busch, who knows the square foot area and composition of every one, must oversee outside roofing contracts—as well as all contracted masonry—when they become necessary. The numerous drains get frequent attention and must be kept clean to avoid stoppage. Breaks in sidewalks and driveways are resurfaced by the masons, and during their indoor season they help out other maintenance departments in moving heavy machinery with their dump truck or jeep.

As incidental activities, they take part in setting up chairs, etc. for garden graduation exercises, erecting Christmas trees, snow removal, and also oversee rubble removal from the dump area. This rubble is that accumulated in all buildings and grounds maintenance and last year it amounted to 103 truck loads—a good indication of the work required to keep the Hospital in top notch condition. Compared to the busy Masonry Department, a pack of beavers would look like lazy do-nothings.

## Lenten Sewing 'Class' Active for 71st Year

A Lenten season activity of the Cribside Social Service Committee initiated during its first year, 1888, is being continued again this year with some modification.

In accordance with custom, the Cribside members have invited their friends to meet and sew or knit for Babies Hospital. These garments are used both in the wards and distributed by Social Service. In addition, yearly dues from the Lenten sewing class have realized substantial sums, used to meet some of the expense of patient relief assumed by Social Service and by the Cribside Committee.

This year it was decided to have only two formal sessions with a speaker at each one to describe some aspect of the work at Babies Hospital. At the February 19 meeting, Miss Priscilla Parke, R.N., head nurse in the nursery for premature infants, spoke to the group on care of the "preemies." On March 19 Dr. Sidney Blumenthal, Assistant Attending, Pediatrics, is scheduled to speak on that service's work with cardiac patients.

## Medical Center Group Seen on TV's 'Today'

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Hospital and the Office of Medical Defense, New York State Department of Health.

Those from the Hospital who were on the "Today" show were Dr. Joseph E. Snyder, assistant vice-president and director of Vanderbilt Clinic, who was at the operating table upon completion of the unit; Dr. Leonard Brand, Associate Attending, Anesthesiology; and Miss Anna Marie O'Neill, a Presbyterian head nurse. Others on the program included Dr. James Lade, director, Office of Medical Defense, who was interviewed by Mr. Garroway; and Mrs. Lillian Howell, R.N., Medical Defense nurse consultant. Active in helping plan the program and an interested sideline observer was Lt. Col. Ida Graham Price, A.N.C., project director for Nursing and Disaster Projects at Teachers College.

For the earlier demonstration at Teachers College, Dr. Snyder served as director of the unit's administrative staff. Dr. John Scudder, director, Presbyterian Hospital blood bank, was assistant director and helped in the preliminary planning but could not be present for the actual demonstration due to illness. Other Presbyterian Hospital doctors who participated were Henry Aranow, Jr., Stanley E. Bradley, Leonard Brand, Carl R. Feind, Charles W. Findlay, Jr., Rollo J. Masselink and Rudolph N. Schullinger; also Dr. Richard J. Cross, assistant dean, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Nurses from the Hospital who took part were Barbara Hunt, Marguerite Jansen, Anna Marie O'Neill, Mary Osborne and Joan Pike. Edna L. Daniels, R.N., director of Staff Education, Delafield Hospital, served as director of nurses on the administrative staff.

This civil defense training exercise was on a larger scale than that at the television studio and it took the participants an hour to assemble the equivalent of a 200-bed hospital from 135 packing cases. Only the beds were missing. It was explained that patients would be brought to such improvised hospitals on litters with collapsible legs, which would then serve as hospital cots.

The *New York Times*, in describing this demonstration, stated that 200 emergency hospital kits, each costing \$36,000, are owned by the state. Larger kits contain electric generators to supply power and are capable of sustaining themselves for 10 days.

"Civil defense officials emphasized," *The Times* said, "that improvised hospitals would serve communities struck by floods, fires, hurricanes and other natural disasters, as well as by air attack."